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Title: A Welcome

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Greetings to you,  
new member of the  
Trusted.

You now read these  
words because you  
have been deemed  
worthy to join the  
ranks of  
Britannia's defenders.  
Some will call you a  
betrayal of mankind, I  
say they are  
misguided. I call you  
a defender for Sosaria  
needs saving from  
itself.

The forces of order  
once ruled our world.  
Like a great  
darkness over our  
lives we lived under  
the oppressive watch  
of a king who  
dictated our actions  
and passed judgement  
on our character. He  
suppressed our way of  
life by denying our  
freedom and the  
ability to determine  
who we are and what  
we stand for. Even  
today in the absence  
of this man we still  
see the symbol of his  
tyranny, we watch his  
personal guards patrol  
the cities to  
intimidate us, and we  
feel his laws like a  
vice on our lives.

You are here  
because you choose to  
be free. Like many  
Britannians you have  
felt the oppression of  
one man's ideas  
weighing down upon

you like chains. You  
have felt the embrace  
of fear, wondering if  
you face consequence  
for simply having  
ideas not in harmony  
with those forced upon  
you. You have seen  
men fight and die for  
the principles of a  
zealot and wondered,  
'Who will fight for  
my principles should  
they be opposed?'  
You tire of living  
under the shadow of  
dreams that do not  
belong to you. And  
most of all, you have  
wondered what you  
can do to live free.

Your journey to  
freedom begins here.

I, like you, once  
desired my freedom  
from the limits placed  
on me. I watched in  
disgust as this world  
became engrossed with  
the preaching of  
virtue and none of the  
practice. I held my  
convictions in check,  
fearful of the reaction  
of men blinded by  
belief. I forced  
myself to bury the  
very ideology that  
made me an individual.

I was fortunate that  
a being of unique  
power and  
unimaginable  
intelligence saw  
through to the true  
person I was, the  
person I was meant to  
be. Exodus found  
within me a man of  
free will,  
determination, and  
incomprehension for  
the plight of  
oppression forced on so  
many Britanniens.

Exodus has also  
chosen you because of  
the strength of your

character.

Many of the men  
who were once my  
peers look upon me  
and see a betrayer of  
humanity. They  
claim my newfound  
form is unnatural and  
wrong. Because they  
see the unknown in  
me, they show fear.  
They disapprove of  
my choices and in  
their ignorance see  
evil. Yet I hide my  
true self no longer  
from these men. My  
thoughts and my  
personal morality have  
been liberated in the  
face of the oppression  
that once consumed me.  
Where they see a  
man no longer human.  
I see a man that has  
not betrayed his  
humanity but has been  
freed from it. This  
is the power that has  
been granted to me by  
Exodus. I have been  
given my freedom. I  
have been released  
from my fears.

Exodus will give  
you the power to  
conquer your fears as  
well.

When your fear  
of this world is gone,  
then the world truly  
belongs to you in a  
way it never has  
before. You, trusted  
one, will soon be given  
a gift. Your body,  
like mine, will be  
enlightened and raised  
to a level no mortal  
can know. The power  
to control your own  
destiny will belong to  
you for the first time  
in your life.

You will, at long  
last, be cleansed of  
fear.

Together, with the

power of Exodus  
behind us, we shall  
finally wage war on  
the oppression that  
once held us back  
from our full  
potential. We shall  
claim this world, and  
reshape it in an image  
of freedom for all of  
us. Those who once  
told you who you are  
and how you should  
live will no longer be  
able to stand in the  
way of your free will.  
Many say you will  
be abandoning your  
humanity but in truth,  
you will be more than  
human.

You will be freed.